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Conference

OF

REPRESENTATIVES OF LOCAL MEDICAL AND PANEL COMMITTEES IN SCOTLAND.

IN accordance with a promise given at the general Conference held in London last April, the Insurance Acts Subcommittee (Scotland) called a Conference of Representatives of the Scottish Local Medical and Panel Committees, on June 20th, at the North British Station Hotel, Edinburgh. There were present:

County Committees.—Drs. W. A. Macnaughton (Kincardineshire), J. B. Miller (Lanarkshire), G. C. Burgess (Forfarshire), E. M. Tyrrell (Selkirk), Jas. Hill (Renfrewshire), A. Asher (Caithness and Sutherland), Murray Stewart (Kirkcudbrightshire), A. M. Easterbrook (Midlothian), Mungo Bryson and David Huskie (Dumfriesshire), G. A. Dickson (Linlithgowshire), W. L. Cullen (Roxburghshire), John Young (Stirlingshire).

Burgh Committees.—Drs. C. Nairn (Greenock), John Hunter (Motherwell), P. C. MacRobert (Peebles), R. T. C. Robertson (Hamilton), Thomas Wood and J. Allan Gray (Leith), Jessie J. Thom (Dundee), Fergus McKenna (Ayr), R. Robertson (Edinburgh), John Ritchie (Glasgow), James Andrew (Coatbridge), T. M. Strang (Clydebank).

Members of the Insurance Acts Subcommittee (Scotland).—Drs. J. R. Drever, R. C. Buist, Michael Dewar, together with the Clerk of the Insurance Acts Subcommittee (Mr. J. Finlay) and the Medical Secretary.

Dr. DREVER, as Chairman of the Insurance Acts Subcommittee (Scotland), took the chair and welcomed those present. He apologized for the absence, among others, of Drs. J. A. Macdonald and H. B. Brackenbury, both of whom had been invited and had hoped to attend.

The meeting first discussed a report by the Insurance Acts Subcommittee (Scotland) of its activities since its formation. This was unanimously approved, and gratification was expressed at the good work done by the Subcommittee during its short existence.

Certificates in Chronic Cases.

A motion by Renfrewshire was moved by Dr. JAMES HILL:

That it is the opinion of this Conference that, in chronic cases, only monthly certificates should be required by approved societies.

Great dissatisfaction was expressed by almost all present at the persistent way in which many approved societies insisted upon weekly certificates in chronic cases, to the annoyance of the patient and the waste of the doctor's time.

The resolution was finally carried as follows:

That it is the opinion of the Conference that, in chronic cases, only monthly certificates should be required by the approved societies, such certification not to be prejudicial to the right of the insured persons to obtain weekly payment of benefit if desired.

The same matter was dealt with in a discussion on the following motion by Dr. R. T. C. ROBERTSON (Hamilton) which was carried unanimously, and referred to the Subcommittee for consideration and any action deemed desirable.

That this Conference is of opinion that (*a*) insured persons are not sufficiently informed as to the procedure required of them under the National Insurance Acts and the Regulations incorporated therewith, especially in regard to certificates of incapacity, initial, intermediate and final, and (*b*) calls upon the Insurance Commissioners to issue Regulations, in terms of the powers conferred upon them, imposing on approved societies the duty of bringing to the notice of their members the necessity of conforming to the Regulations.

Constitution of the Insurance Acts Subcommittee (Scotland).

Dr. J. ALLAN GRAY (Leith) moved:

That the constitution of the Insurance Acts Subcommittee (Scotland) be altered and enlarged so that the Subcommittee may be able to initiate and deal with matters other than those remitted to it by the Insurance Acts Subcommittee.

The CHAIRMAN explained that the reference to the Subcommittee had been drafted with great care so as to give the Subcommittee the freest possible hand to act in National Insurance matters affecting the Scottish profession, and the experience of the past year had shown that there were no restrictions on the practical usefulness of the Subcommittee to Scottish practitioners. If such restrictions were experienced he had no doubt the parent Committee would make what alterations were required.

This motion was withdrawn, as the mover said the report of the Subcommittee had convinced him that the Subcommittee was doing good work, though he was doubtful whether some of it was technically within its reference.

Scheme of Collective Bargaining.

Dr. THOMAS WOOD moved the following, from the Leith Panel Committee:

That, in signing M19/1917-18, Scottish insurance practitioners will not hold themselves bound, unless the 80 per cent. of the panel practitioners referred to be 80 per cent. of the Scottish panel practitioners, and further that this question of resignation shall be remitted by the Insurance Acts Committee to the Scottish Subcommittee, who shall deal directly with the Scottish Commissioners, and who, before coming to a decision, shall obtain the consent of the Scottish Panel Committees.

Considerable discussion took place, and the CHAIRMAN asked the Medical Secretary to explain how the collective bargaining scheme was intended to operate. The motion was then withdrawn, the mover being satisfied that the special interests of Scottish insurance practitioners were fully safeguarded under the scheme.

Future Conferences in Scotland.

Dr. A. M. EASTERBROOK moved the following on behalf of Midlothian:

That a conference of representatives of Local Medical and Panel Committees in Scotland be held annually, in a month to be fixed, in order that Committees might conveniently and more leisurely prepare considered motions for discussion by the members.

After discussion, it was resolved:

That it be left to the Insurance Acts Subcommittee (Scotland) to call a conference when such is considered necessary and desirable, as long notice as possible being given to enable committees to consider and formulate their motions.

Proposed Alteration of Classification of Practitioners for Purposes of Mileage Grant.

The following motion was referred, after discussion, to the Subcommittee, with an expression of the sympathy of the Conference with the case of "county" practitioners:

That this Conference affirms the opinion that the official classification of the areas of medical practitioners in Scotland as "rural" and otherwise is unfair to a large body of the practitioners; that there should be three classifications—namely, "urban," "county," and "rural"; that the flat rate applicable to "urban" practices is inadequate as regards "county" practices in the same degree as a flat rate for "county" practices is inadequate for "rural" practices; and that the system of supplementing the flat rate by payments from the Mileage Grant operates unfairly as between "county" practitioners and "urban" practitioners; and that this Conference pledges itself to endeavour to secure amelioration of the flat rate to meet the case of "county" practitioners as well as of "rural" practitioners.

Position of Highlands and Islands Practitioners.

The CHAIRMAN and Dr. BUIST reported as to the action recently taken by the Scottish Committee of the Association to protect the interests of those practitioners serving under the Highlands and Islands (Medical Service) Board, and the Conference expressed its approval of the steps so taken and its appreciation of the intimate connexion which those interests had with those of the ordinary insurance practitioner.

Substitution under Military Service (No. 2) Act, 1918.

Dr. DEWAR, on behalf of Edinburgh, moved:

That the Conference views with grave apprehension the proposal of the Director-General of National Service to introduce the system of "substitution" in medical practice under the Military Service Act (No. 2), 1918, and strongly urges the Director-General not to put into force the powers in that respect conferred upon him by the Act.

After discussion and full explanation the motion was withdrawn.

Mileage.

The following motion by Dr. MUNGO BRYSON (Dumfriesshire) was referred to the Insurance Acts Subcommittee (Scotland) for consideration and any action it may deem desirable:

That in the opinion of this Conference no settlement will be satisfactory which does not recognize the claims of the rural practitioners to such increased remuneration, in the form of a graduated mileage grant or otherwise, as will form an adequate recognition not only of their heavier expenses but also of their greater responsibilities.

The resolutions of the Conference in general were referred to the Insurance Acts Subcommittee (Scotland) for action either by it or by the parent Committee as seem desirable. The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chairman for presiding and to the Medical Secretary for his attendance.

The Berks County Medical Committee has arranged to hold a meeting, on July 18th, in the library of the Royal Berkshire Hospital, at Reading, at 3.30 p.m., to organize representation of Panel Committees on the Insurance Acts Committee of the British Medical Association. Dr. Williams Freeman, the present representative of the Southern Counties on that Committee, will address the meeting and a general discussion will follow.

Meetings of Branches and Divisions.

EDINBURGH BRANCH.

THE annual meeting of the Edinburgh Branch was held in the Royal College of Surgeons, Edinburgh, on June 25th. In the absence of the president Dr. ROBERT THIN was voted to the chair.

The report of the Branch Council and the Honorary Treasurer's annual financial statement were approved.

The Branch Council's nominations of office-bearers for 1918–19 were unanimously approved as follows:

President, Dr. McKenzie Johnston. *President-elect*, Dr. R. A. Lundie. *Vice-Presidents*, Dr. J. J. Graham Brown and Dr. William Stewart. *Honorary Treasurer*, Dr. R. A. Lundie. *Honorary Secretaries*, Dr. John Stevens, Captain John Eason. *Central Council:* Dr. John Stevens has been re-elected the Representative of the Edinburgh and Fife Branches on the Council of the Association.

Dr. MCKENZIE JOHNSTON then took the chair, and expressed his thanks to the Branch for electing him president. In proposing a vote of thanks to Dr. Blair for his services as president during the past year, he expressed the regret which was felt that Dr. Blair was unable to be present owing to a recent illness, and he further proposed that an expression of high appreciation of Dr. Blair's services to the Association and to the profession during a long period of years, in the various offices which he had held, including that of Representative of the South-Eastern Counties Division (almost continuously since the Representative Body was constituted), and finally that of president of the Branch, be placed in the records of the Branch, and communicated to Dr. Blair with an expression of best wishes for his complete recovery. This was cordially agreed to.

Under the Annual Report of Council the PRESIDENT made sympathetic reference to the death of Mr. Guy Elliston, Financial Secretary and Business Manager of the Association, expressed high appreciation of his services to the Association, particularly in establishing its financial position, and, from his own intimate personal friendship with Mr. Elliston, stated how deeply he had the best interests of the profession at heart. He concluded by moving, Dr. JAMES RITCHIE seconding, that the Secretary be instructed to send from the Edinburgh Branch a message of condolence to Mrs. Guy Elliston. This was unanimously agreed to.

Scottish Committee.

A report was given of the proceedings of the Scottish Committee, chiefly with reference to the formation of a Highlands and Islands Subcommittee.

Medical Practitioners and the Military Service Act, 1918.

In connexion with the war emergency a discussion took place on the Military Service (No. 2) Act, 1918, as affecting medical practitioners. The action of the Branch Council in addressing the letter, published in the BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL of June 8th, to several members of the Government and of Parliament and to various others was unanimously approved, and the Branch Council was given power to take whatever action it deemed necessary in the interests of the profession.

SUSSEX BRANCH.

THE annual meeting of the Sussex Branch was held at Chichester on June 26th. The President-elect, Dr. ERNEST H. BUCKELL, J.P., entertained twenty-seven members to luncheon; the Bishop of Chichester, the Dean, the Mayor, and the Town Clerk were also present. At the meeting the annual report of the Branch was approved, and the officers for the forthcoming year elected.

The newly-elected President, having taken the chair, gave an address, of which the following is an abstract:

A Whole-time State Medical Service.

At present, he said, there was no bill before Parliament, but he understood there was a certain section of the medical profession who were agitating for such a bill, and who had approached the Labour party in Parliament with that in view. There were other rumours afloat affecting the matter, and there seemed to be a growing feeling that some such bill was likely to come in the not very distant future. The object would be to provide the very best medical attendance to rich and poor alike, and all private practices and public appointments would disappear; they would all be Government appointments. There would be an administrative staff, a clinical staff, a staff of inspectors, and a staff of specialists, and the public would be divided into groups. There would be innumerable forms to fill up. The doctors' holidays and free action would be interfered with in every shape and form, and they would become part and parcel of a large machine, doing what they were told, and being kept up to doing what they were told by the visits of inspectors. Friendly societies and all such institutions would disappear, because there would be no longer any need for them. There would be stock medicines and the art of prescribing would be practically done away with. Such a scheme would be attractive to medical men returning from the war whose private practices were ruined, and to some others with private means. He thought the scheme would not be to the advantage of the general public and certainly not to the medical profession. As regarded the advance of the science of medicine and surgery, the result would be disastrous. By an improvement of the National Insurance Act, giving adequate hospital accommodation and improving the environment of the poor, doctors and the general public would gain a great deal more in health and life than under any such scheme as he had sketched.

In the discussion which followed, Dr. A. MORRIS (Bognor) remarked that if all doctors were in the British Medical Association and they were able to present an undivided front to the Government when the time came, they would get their way.

Dr. GARRATT (Chichester) thought their weak point in the past had been their total failure to enlist the interest of the voting public. He did not think any combination among doctors would be sufficiently strong to achieve anything until they did that, and if they tried to go in face of the public it would be as it was before when they had a strike—nothing but a deplorable fiasco.

Dr. DALDY (Brighton) thought any scheme of state medical service must go along the lines of the National Insurance Act by way of extension and enlargement. The president had taken too gloomy a view, he added.

A resolution was eventually adopted urging the British Medical Association to take action to secure compensation for practitioners adversely affected by any system of state medical service.

METROPOLITAN COUNTIES BRANCH.

At the sixty-sixth annual general meeting of the Metropolitan Counties Branch, on June 28th, Dr. M. G. Biggs succeeded Dr. C. O. Hawthorne as president and delivered the address which is printed at page 26 of this week's JOURNAL.

Before the delivery of the address the annual report of the Council for the year 1917–18 and the financial statement for the year ending December 31st, 1917, were approved and adopted. Major W. McAdam Eccles, R.A.M.C.(T.), was chosen to be president-elect, Dr. Comyns Berkeley, Mr. James Berry, Dr. H. J. Cardale, and Dr. H. M. Cooper were elected vice-presidents, Mr. H. Betham Robinson was re-elected honorary treasurer, and Mr. N. Bishop Harman and Captain Wilfred Kingdon, R.A.M.C., honorary secretaries. The representatives of the Branch on the Central Council are Drs. M. G. Biggs and H. B. Brackenbury, Major W. McAdam Eccles, and Major-General Sir Bertrand Dawson, M.D., G.C.V.O. Before the president's address a vote of thanks to Dr. Hawthorne, the outgoing president, was carried by acclamation, and after the address it was arranged that the Emergency Committee should consider the advisability of convening a special meeting of the Branch for the discussion of the subject raised by Dr. Biggs.

Association Notices.

ANNUAL REPRESENTATIVE MEETING, 1918.

THE Annual Representative Meeting of the Association will be held at the Connaught Rooms, Great Queen Street, Kingsway, London, W.C.2, on Thursday, July 25th, at 10 a.m., and following day(s) as may be necessary.

By order,
ALFRED COX,
Medical Secretary.

July 3rd, 1918.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

NOTICE is hereby given by the Council that the Annual General Meeting of the British Medical Association will be held at the Connaught Rooms, Great Queen Street, London, W.C., on Friday, July 26th, 1918, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon. Business: (1) Minutes of last meeting. (2) Appointment of auditors (Messrs. Price, Waterhouse and Co. offer themselves for re-election). (3) Award of Stewart Prize. (4) Report election of President.—By Order,

W. E. WARNE,
Acting Financial Secretary and Business Manager.

Dated this 20th day of June, 1918.
429, Strand, London, W.C.2.

BRANCH AND DIVISION MEETINGS TO BE HELD.

EAST ANGLIAN BRANCH.—Dr. B. H. Nicholson, Secretary, gives notice that the annual meeting of the Branch will be held at the Crown and Anchor Hotel, Ipswich, on Thursday, July 25th, at 2.30 o'clock. Agenda: To pass ethical rules as approved by the Annual Representative Meeting of 1915, for the guidance of Branches. Financial report for 1917.

EAST YORK AND NORTH LINCOLN BRANCH.—Mr. H. L. Evans, Secretary (101, Prince's Avenue, Hull), gives notice that the annual meeting of the East York and North Lincoln Branch will be held, by the courtesy of the President-elect, Dr. G. A. Grierson, at Flottergate House, Grimsby, on Saturday, August 3rd. Business: Annual report, financial statement, nominations and election of officers, etc. Mr. H. L. Evans also gives notice that the annual meeting of the East Yorkshire Division will be held in the board room of the Hull Royal Infirmary, on Tuesday, July 23rd, at 8.15 p.m.

SOUTHERN BRANCH.—The Honorary Secretary, Mr. James Green (Brandon House, Mile End, Portsmouth), gives notice that the annual meeting will take place on Thursday, July 18th, at 3 p.m., at the Mayor's Banqueting Hall, Town Hall, Portsmouth (by the Mayor's kind permission), Dr. H. J. May in the chair. At the conclusion of business Dr. May will vacate the chair in favour of the incoming president, Dr. Lyster Cole-Baker of Southsea, who will deliver the presidential address. Dr. L. Cole-Baker invites the members to tea, which will be served during the meeting. There will be no golf competition or luncheon. Gentlemen who intend to stop to tea will oblige by communicating with Dr. J. H. F. Way, 151, Victoria Road North, Southsea.

Naval and Military Appointments.

ROYAL NAVAL MEDICAL SERVICE.

THE following appointments are announced by the Admiralty: Fleet Surgeons T. F. O'Keefe to the *Monarch*, H. R. Gardner to the *President*. Staff Surgeon T. W. Jeffery to the *Woolwich*. Temporary Surgeons: T. E. Brentnall and W. Bell to the *Thunderer*, A. O. Gray to Granton Hospital; J. S. Ellis, D. S. Prentice, and J. V. Mainprize to Plymouth Hospital; D. J. Micah, H. W. A. Hall, and O. D. Brownfield to Haslar Hospital; T. C. Russell to R.M. Barracks, Forton; G. E. Mullins to the *Benbow*, G. H. C. Harding to the *Liverpool*, A. L. Spencer-Payne to the *Roxburgh*. To be temporary Surgeons: J. A. L. Cook, G. Blurton, G. B. Lowe.

ROYAL NAVAL VOLUNTEER RESERVE.

Surgeon Probationer R. C. Williams to the *Scorpion*. To be Surgeon Probationers: J. R. Dallow, J. C. Anderson, R. S. Allison, C. H. Andrews, C. D. Crawford.

ARMY MEDICAL SERVICE.

Colonel (temporary Major-General) G. B. Stanistreet, C.B., C.M.G., temporary Deputy Director-General, to be Deputy Director-General.

ROYAL ARMY MEDICAL CORPS.

Lieut.-Colonels to be temporary Colonels whilst employed as Assistant Directors of Medical Services of Divisions: W. P. Gwynn, E. McDonnell, D.S.O., W. C. Croly.

Temporary Major T. M. Carter to be acting Lieut.-Colonel whilst in command of a medical unit.

Major A. L. B. Green, D.S.O., Hereford Regiment (T.F.), to be temporary Major.

To be acting Majors whilst specially employed: Temporary Majors M. Bridgman and C. M. Row; temporary Captain E. W. Willett.

Captain A. G. Elliott relinquishes the acting rank of Lieut.-Colonel on reposting.

Temporary Captain T. Martin relinquishes the acting rank of Major on reposting.

Temporary Captains relinquish the acting rank of Major on reposting: H. J. de Brent, M.C., A. S. K. Anderson, D.S.O., M.C., T. T. Higgins, F. C. Tibbs.

Temporary Captains to be acting Majors: J. F. R. Gairdner, J. McN. Murray (from January 29th to February 23rd), N. G. W. Davidson, H. Dudley, R. H. R. Whitaker, R. Hobson, M.C., H. C. Watson, M.C., J. G. Johnston, R. J. Vernon, A. M. Wood, R. R. Blair, W. B. G. Angus, S. J. L. Lindman.

Captain S. S. Dunn, retired A.A.M.C., attached R.A.M.C., to be temporary Captain.

Late temporary Captains granted the honorary rank of Captain: A. E. J. Barcroft, T. Bell.

The name of temporary Captain Arthur Sunderland is as now described, and not as in the *London Gazette* of June 13th.

Temporary honorary Lieutenants to be temporary honorary Captains: D. A. Bartley, W. H. Irish.

Temporary Lieutenants to be temporary Captains: W. F. Erskine, O. May, G. A. Hoffmann, R. Alderson, W. P. Miles, J. Lambie, H. O'H. O'Neill, C. W. Preston-Hillary, H. G. F. Spurrell, S. E. Atkinson, J. Avery, H. V. Mitchell, W. B. Wilson, P. W. Hampton, R. Crawford, K. McK. Duncan, J. Ritchie, W. Anderson, W. Lilico, H. B. Wickham, J. Hunter, J. F. Bridge, J. Wylie, S. D. Craig, L. Hutchinson, E. S. Prior, E. O'D. Graham, R. Duncan, H. O. West, E. W. Witney, S. H. White, G. H. C. Lumsden, A. E. Knapp, Q. Madge, O. V. Payne, G. W. Curtis, W. W. Allison, E. Tate, J. D. Ferguson, A. J. May, A. B. Sykes, A. C. Renton, R. H. Thomson, F. G. Ralphs, W. H. F. Eales, J. A. Wood, T. Clarke, H. R. Wright, F. W. Pollard, V. G. Best, T. Gillespie, W. E. Waymark, J. Williamson, S. Wood, J. A. McSweeny, R. E. G. Gray, A. E. Leapingwell, H. T. P. Young, H. M. Roberts, J. F. Peart, S. Brown, W. B. Primrose, W. Weir, J. B. Aickin, J. A. Mearns, W. Mair, J. Steward, G. A. Pratt, A. H. B. Hartford, R. Peart, W. W. Carlow, P. Talbot, J. C. Wootton, A. W. Ewing, W. Rotherham, A. Evans, A. C. Russell, J. Wilson, C. M. Ockwell, J. Dunbar, T. P. Robertson, L. Welply, F. H. Fuller, N. E. Sampey, J. I. F. Knight, C. B. Ticehurst, F. W. MacKichan, R. Brown, J. Scott, F. H. Dodd, J. H. Jones, D. P. Lindsay, L. H. Werden, N. Gray, J. S. Wilson, C. L. Driscoll, E. E. Paget-Tomlinson, G. C. Anderson, H. W. Horan, R. G. Smith, P. D. Hunter, B. J. Cusack, E. A. Sanders, J. R. Munro, R. J. W. McKane, J. Ferguson, D. D. Ritchie, R. J. Bentley, S. H. Sweet, H. Spurway, A. I. Shepherd-Walwyn, G. E. Thornton, W. S. Graham, J. K. Manson, J. Dalgleish, J. L. Meynell, E. M. Niall, S. B. White, J. K. Reid, W. Tregea, W. B. Clarke, S. N. Abraith, E. MacM. Mahon, J. B. Cook, J. Grogono, E. W. Grogono, E. P. Harding, B. Kelly, C. A. B. Horsford, O. A. Lawrence, J. B. Banister, J. Ellenbogen, E. Morrison, P. J. Hay, J. A. W. Ponton, J. C. Ryan, B. Suggitt, F. H. Diggle, A. M. Malcolmson, A. Tait, M. S. Wood, A. R. Taylor, G. H. Hackney, O. Smith, J. Cross, C. H. G. Lyall, E. Morgan, T. A. Davies, T. Kennedy, B. B. Phillips, C. B. Gerrard, C. B. M. Aldridge, R. N. Woodsend, J. McGibbon, R. T. A. Patchett, L. Wayne-Morgan, A. H. Gray, F. Crooks, H. Baird, V. J. Rigg, M. Aikman, P. L. Pollard, W. Cook, R. S. Strachan, D. O. Fairweather, T. Fraser, C. Brash, R. Taylor, J. D. Oliver, J. A. Powell, J. N. M. Sutherland, A. Matheson, F. L. Thomas, J. W. A. Wilson, D. L. G. Radford, F. A. Morrison, D. P. Smith, P. A. Hendley, S. W. Swindells, A. Westerman, G. Eager, E. G. D. Benson, G. Milne, C. M. Stevenson, U. Marks, T. B. Vaile, A. H. Duckett, J. J. Todd, D. W. Tacey, H. R. Cran, R. N. Dunlop, J. G. Woolham, N. H. M. Burke, J. D. Hartley, J. D. Jones, G. Denholm, A. F. Waterhouse, M. D. Mackenzie, L. D. Callander, J. Dawson, H. C. Taylor, J. B. H. Holroyd, H. E. Middlebrooke, W. H. Parkinson, H. Maffin, T. Brodie, G. L. Langley, F. de R. Martyn, W. B. Peacock, A. O. Bisson, J. F. Lindsay, F. McG. Loughnane, C. Gray, G. D. Dawson, H. A. Mason, J. Gilchrist, J. Orr, J. W. McDougall, G. Mowat, D. R. C. Shepherd, C. L. Stewart, E. C. Roberts, H. F. Marshall, H. R. L. Allott, F. F. C. Willington, R. C. Pitt, A. J. Adkins, W. H. Gibson, J. T. R. MacGill, D. Longwill, M. J. Macauley, F. H. Mosse, D. P. Macdonald, L. D. Wright, R. Fraser, E. J. Manning, C. J. Taylor, W. Duguid, StG. M. L. Homan, C. W. C. Harvey, G. E. A. Mitchell, T. R. Couldrey, P. J. O'Brien, J. Fortune, I. B. Richardson, C. H. Gunson, W. B. A. Moore, S. G. Johnson, R. W. Dale, A. G. Bland, A. S. Findlay, J. A. Hagerty, H. P. Wright, F. D. Scott, W. H. Gowans, A. G. Stewart, J. W. Robertson, G. Garland, A. R. Jennings, H. Thorp, E. U. Williams, A. J. Ferguson.

Officers relinquish their commissions: Temporary Major W. Robinson, on ceasing to be employed at the Sunderland War Hospital. Temporary Captains: C. S. Gideon, B. M. Carruthers, G. A. D. McArthur, I. E. Bruneau, C. B. F. Tivy (and is granted the honorary rank of Captain), S. L. Haslett, K. M. B. Simon, F. M. Harvey, M.C., W. W. D. Thomson, N. W. Jenkin, L. M. Davies. Temporary Lieutenants: J. Rusk, H. Tipping, R. W. H. Hillis, A. C. Wilson,

G. de P. D'Amico (on account of ill health contracted on active service, and is granted the honorary rank of Lieutenant), L. N. Morris, A. B. Scott, P. J. D. O'Malley, W. R. Read, J. Good. Temporary honorary Lieutenants: M. C. Pruitt, C. S. Gilman.

INDIAN MEDICAL SERVICE.

To be Surgeon-Generals: Colonel C. C. Manifold, C.B., C.M.G., vice Surgeon-General T. Grainger, C.B., K.H.S. (December 29th, 1917); Colonel P. Hehir, C.B., C.M.G., on temporary augmentation of establishment (March 13th).

Major H. Ross, Additional Assistant Director-General I.M.S., to be Assistant Director-General I.M.S. (Stores).

Major F. Norman White, C.I.E., to be Sanitary Commissioner with the Government of India, substantively *pro tempore*.

Major R. A. Needham, D.S.O., Assistant Director-General I.M.S. (Stores), to be Assistant Director-General I.M.S. (Sanitary).

Brevet Colonel R. Heard to be an Honorary Surgeon to His Excellency the Viceroy.

Captains promoted to Major (March 1st): C. R. O'Brien, N. H. Hume, D. M. C. Church.

The following officers have retired: Surgeon-General T. Grainger, C.B. (April 29th); Lieut.-Colonels J. G. Jordan and J. L. T. Jones, on account of ill health (April 18th and 28th respectively).

To be permanent Lieutenants (January 29th): R. H. Malone, W. M. Will, J. L. R. Philip, W. J. S. Ingram.

ROYAL AIR FORCE.

MEDICAL BRANCH.

Lieutenant F. R. McCambridge to be Captain.

Lieutenant G. O. Roper to be Lieutenant from K.B.

TERRITORIAL FORCE.

ROYAL ARMY MEDICAL CORPS.

Major (temporary Lieutenant-Colonel) J. Mackinnon, D.S.O., to be Lieut.-Colonel.

Captain (temporary Major) H. F. W. Boeddicker relinquishes his temporary rank on alteration in posting.

Captain (temporary Major) F. Philip to be Major.

Captain (acting Major) W. C. Hodges relinquishes his acting rank on ceasing to be specially employed.

Captain B. Robertshaw, from Territorial Force Reserve, to be Captain, with precedence as from April 12th 1916.

Captain H. M. Clarke is now seconded for service overseas.

Captain J. E. W. MacFall relinquishes his commission on account of ill health contracted on active service, and is granted the honorary rank of Major.

Lieutenant C. D. Mathias to be Captain, August 5th, 1914 (substituted for notification in the *London Gazette* of February 22nd, 1915).

VOLUNTEER FORCE.

City of Aberdeen Medical Volunteer Corps.—Medical Officer and temporary Captain W. S. Cheyne, from 1st Battalion City of Aberdeen Volunteer Regiment, to be temporary Captain, with precedence from February 26th, 1917.

County of Aberdeen Medical Volunteer Corps.—Medical Officer and temporary Captain J. O. Wilson, from 2/1st Battalion County of Aberdeen Volunteer Regiment, to be temporary Captain, with precedence from October 2nd, 1917. Medical Officer and temporary Lieutenant R. A. Slessor, from 1/1st Battalion County of Aberdeen Volunteer Regiment, to be temporary Lieutenant, with precedence from May 1st, 1918.

Anglesey Medical Volunteer Corps.—Medical Officer and temporary Captain G. L. Jones, from 1st Battalion Anglesey Volunteer Regiment, to be temporary Captain, with precedence from July 3rd, 1917.

Ayrshire Medical Volunteer Corps.—Medical Officer and temporary Captain W. McAlister, from 2/1st Battalion Ayrshire Volunteer Regiment, to be temporary Captain, with precedence from March 28th, 1917. Medical Officer and temporary Lieutenant F. McKenna, from 1/1st Battalion Ayrshire Volunteer Regiment, to be temporary Lieutenant, with precedence from April 18th, 1917.

Banffshire Medical Volunteer Corps.—Medical Officer and temporary Lieutenant G. C. Grant, from 1st Battalion Banffshire Volunteer Regiment, to be temporary Lieutenant, with precedence from May 22nd, 1917.

Bedfordshire Medical Volunteer Corps.—Medical Officer and temporary Captain B. W. Phillips, from 1st Battalion Bedfordshire Volunteer Regiment, to be temporary Captain, with precedence from January 30th, 1917. Medical Officer and temporary Lieutenant H. N. Edwards, from 2nd Battalion Bedfordshire Volunteer Regiment, to be temporary Lieutenant, with precedence from August 10th, 1917.

Berkshire Medical Volunteer Corps.—Medical Officer and temporary Lieutenant J. T. R. Miller, from 1st Battalion Berkshire Volunteer Regiment, to be temporary Lieutenant, with precedence from January 27th, 1917.

Berwickshire Medical Volunteer Corps.—Medical Officer and temporary Captain J. McWatt, from 1st Battalion Berwickshire Volunteer Regiment, to be temporary Captain, with precedence from March 25th, 1918.

City of Bristol Medical Volunteer Corps.—Medical Officer and temporary Captain H. I. Owen, from 1st Battalion City of Bristol Volunteer Regiment, to be temporary Captain, with precedence from February 1st, 1917. Medical Officer and temporary Captain F. E. Peake, from 2nd Battalion City of Bristol Volunteer Regiment, to be temporary Captain, with precedence from November 13th, 1917.

Buckinghamshire Medical Volunteer Corps.—To be temporary Lieutenants, with precedence from dates indicated in parentheses: Medical Officers and temporary Lieutenant H. Barrett (December 15th, 1917), J. D. J. Harris (April 28th, 1917), and H. T. Wickham (March 11th, 1918), from the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Battalions of the Buckinghamshire Volunteer Regiment respectively.

Cambridgeshire Medical Volunteer Corps.—To be temporary Lieutenants, with precedence from dates indicated in parentheses: Medical Officers and temporary Lieutenants J. Laird (July 9th, 1917), F. Robinson (July 9th, 1917), F. W. Mawby (August 18th, 1917), from the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Battalions Cambridgeshire Volunteer Regiment respectively.

Carmarthenshire Medical Volunteer Corps.—Medical Officer and temporary Captain E. Evans from 1st Battalion Carmarthenshire Volunteer Regiment, to be temporary Captain, with precedence from October 3rd, 1917.

Carnarvonshire Medical Volunteer Corps.—Medical Officer and temporary Lieutenant R. R. Jones, from 1st Battalion Carnarvonshire Volunteer Regiment, to be temporary Lieutenant, with precedence from April 4th, 1917.

Cheshire Medical Volunteer Corps.—To be temporary Lieutenants, with precedence from dates indicated in parentheses: Medical Officers and temporary Lieutenants L. A. Savatard (December 3rd, 1917), H. L. Pearson (February 8th, 1917), M. Young (March 29th, 1917), C. McA. Wilson (March 8th, 1917), F. Cant (April 28th, 1917), T. H. Smith (March 9th, 1917), W. R. J. Garson (March 23rd, 1917), and A. Banks (May 31st, 1917), from the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 9th, 10th and 11th Battalions Cheshire Volunteer Regiment respectively.

Clackmannanshire Medical Volunteer Corps.—Medical Officer and temporary Captain D. W. Currie, from 1st Battalion Clackmannanshire Volunteer Regiment, to be temporary Captain, with precedence from April 25th, 1917.

Cornwall Medical Volunteer Corps.—Medical Officer and temporary Captain A. J. Little, from 1st Battalion Cornwall Volunteer Regiment, to be temporary Captain, with precedence from March 16th, 1918.

Cumberland Medical Volunteer Corps.—Medical Officer and temporary Lieutenant J. R. S. Anderson, from Cumberland Motor Volunteer Corps, to be temporary Lieutenant, with precedence from March 17th, 1918.

West Riding Medical Volunteer Corps.—P. Bennett to be temporary Lieutenant.

EXCHANGE.

CAPTAIN R.A.M.C., stationed in pleasant residential town thirty minutes from London on main Midland line, seeks exchange with officer stationed within a twenty to thirty miles' radius of Nottingham.—Address, No. 2650, BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL Office, No. 429, Strand, W.C.2.

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DORAN, Miss W. M., L.R.C.P. and S.Edin., L.R.F.P.S.Glas., Assistant Medical Officer to the Bradford Union.

GARRETSON, W. T., L.R.C.P. and S.Edin., L.R.F.P.S.Glas., Assistant Medical Officer Bermondsey Parish Infirmary.

MORRIS, A. D., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., Assistant Medical Officer Kensington Parish Infirmary, etc.

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MARRIAGES.

BIGLAND—POWELL.—On July 6th, at Knotty Ash Church, by the father of the bride, assisted by her brother, the Rev. Osmund Powell, M.A., Curate of Wigan, Captain Alfred Douglas Bigland, B.A., Caius College, Cambridge, M.D. Liverpool, only son of Mr. Alfred Bigland, M.P., of Wexford Lodge, Oxton, to Phoebe Mildred Powell, M.D., D.P.H., eldest daughter of the Rev. Frank J. Powell, M.A., Vicar of Knotty Ash, Liverpool.

EASTWOOD—CLARK.—On June 22nd, at Wood Green, Charles Eastwood, of Bradford, Yorks, to Lilian A. Clark, M.B., B.S., of Wood Green, London, N.

HARVEY—HENDERSON.—On July 5th, at the Friends' Meeting House, Golders Green, London, N.W., Surgeon W. F. Harvey, R.N., second son of William Harvey of Roundhay, Leeds, to Margaret Muir, elder daughter of John Henderson, of 109, Coringham Road, London, N.W.

DEATHS.

CONSTABLE.—On July 6th, in a nursing home, Samuel Constable, L.S.A.Eng., aet. 62 years, of 25, Belmont Road, West Green, N., and Ballyglasheen House, Clonmel, Tipperary.

GAUNTLETT.—On July 3rd, at Cilfynydd, Pontypridd, Owen Binns Gauntlett, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., youngest son of the late Mr. James Lanron Gauntlett and of Mrs. Gauntlett of Chichester, in his 41st year.

MORRISON.—On July 5th, at 42, Ennismore Avenue, Chiswick, John Morrison, M.B., Ch.B., of 131A, Mile End Road, E., aged 41 years.

DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

FRIDAY.

WEST LONDON MEDICO-CHIRURGICAL SOCIETY, West London Hospital, 5.30 p.m.—Annual General Meeting.

ROYAL SOCIETY OF MEDICINE, Tuesday, 5.0 p.m.—General Meeting of Fellows. Wednesday, 5.30 p.m.—Lecture by Colonel William Hunter, C.B., A.M.S.: The Prevention and Arrest of Lice-borne Diseases by New Methods of Disinfection (with lantern demonstration). *Section of Dermatology*:—Thursday, 4.30 p.m.: Cases.

DIARY OF THE ASSOCIATION.

Date.		Meetings to be Held.
		JULY.
18	Thur.	Southern Branch, Annual Meeting, Portsmouth, 3 p.m.
23	Tues.	East Yorkshire Division, Annual Meeting, Hull, 8.15 p.m.
25	Thur.	OPENING OF ANNUAL REPRESENTATIVE MEETING, Connaught Rooms, Great Queen Street, London, W.C., 10 a.m. East Anglian Branch, Annual Meeting, Ipswich, 2.30 p.m.
26	Fri.	ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, 2 p.m.
		AUGUST.
3	Sat.	East York and North Lincoln Branch, Annual Meeting, Grimsby.

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